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1. About 350 VP personnel coming from Hildburghausen (M 51/J 10) arrived at the Sonneberg (M 51/J 40) railroad station on 1 August 1950. They were allegedly to reinforce the border police. More VP units were expected to arrive.
2. The VP Kommandantur in Koepfelsdorf (M 51/J 40) ordered several nationalized factories in Sonneberg county to **manufacture sentry boxes immediately.** *
3. In early June 1950 the labor office of Sonneberg called all men between the ages of 18 and 50 years for a physical examination. ** The notice read:

"You will report for a physical examination for labor assignment in room 27 of the Health Office in Sonneberg, Thuringia, between 3 a.m. and 6 p.m. Failure to appear will be cause for punishment." ***

* Comment. Koepfelsdorf is the location of the headquarters of the VP Grenzbereitschaft in the border section south of Sahlfeld. Since July 1950 excavation work has been reported by several sources who either said this work was prospecting for uranium or the building of field fortifications. The reinforcement of the Grenzpolizei may be the result of such activity.

** [REDACTED] Comment. Examinations of this kind were held throughout the Soviet Zone of Germany.

*** Comment. According to newspaper dispatches similar registrations were effected in other areas. However, no information has been obtained that a general registration for the entire German Democratic Republic was carried out.

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